

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

June 11, 2015

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Joe Watters, Dawn Smith, Leigh Raffaele, Robert Jewell, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Connie Andershonis and Elaine Drazek

Also Present: One member of the public (Mr. Goulet)

Recertification: Mrs. Fascenelli announced that Mrs. Andershonis did an excellent job submitting the documents necessary for recertification. A total of 225 points were completed. Sustainable Jersey will review all the documents and advise if any additional information is required.

Reusable Bag Education Program: Mrs. Andershonis prepared a presentation and will also show the Bag It DVD to the 5th grade classes (105 students) of the Mansfield Township Elementary School.

Backyard Composting Workshop: Workshop was held on May 16, 2015. Mrs. Fascenelli stated that both speakers were very interesting. Another workshop will be scheduled in the fall/winter. Prior to the workshop, Marleny Franco spoke about community gardens. Ms. Franco advised that raised beds in community gardens work the best. Raised beds provide more produce with minimum work. Having water on site is essential. Mr. Watters said water maybe available at the park.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Raffaele will start sending out emails to local businesses in order to update the listing on the Township's website.

Carbon Footprint: Mr. Proefrock and Mrs. Andershonis will update the carbon footprint spreadsheet with the last several months of 2014 and the first couple of months of 2015.

Materials Reuse Program: Town-Wide yard sale is scheduled for April 23rd & April 24th, 2016.

Green Team members will review Sustainable Jersey action items for discussion at the next Green Team meeting. Members will also review action items for possible submission at the next Sustainable Jersey grant event. Mrs. Smith advised that the Green Team can apply for more than 1 grant. There is a \$2,000.00 grant, \$10,000.00 grant and \$20,000.00 grant.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

October 24, 2015 – Free Town-Wide Paper Shredding Event – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2015 at 8:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted

JoAnn Fascenelli